

New Bedford

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My dear Mr. Garrison, -

I hear that you are to speak at the Woman's Suffrage Convention to be held in Brooklyn on the 14th of October, "if health permits." I want to ask you, if you will not engage on the same conditions to speak at the Convention of the Free Religious Association, which we are to hold at the Cooper Institute in New York on the 13th & 14th, with an opening session on the evening of the 14th.

the point of superstition, - the prevailing
superstitions, for instance, with regard to the
Bible, Sunday &c - it would be just what
we want. - We are particularly desirous
to present facts rather than theories &
speculations at this New York Convention,
& I most earnestly hope that your other
engagements, & above all, your health will
allow you to come & help us do it.

Sincerely yours,
H. J. Potter

of October. We find ourselves rather short of speakers, several upon whom we had relied having for various reasons declined. We seem likely especially to need additional force at the forenoon session on the 13th, & it would give us great pleasure if we could have an address from you at that time. We expect to have for the opening subject of that meeting, "The Ecclesiastical Foes of Rational Religion," (such as Dogmatism, Superstition, Sectarianism), & if you could make an address further illustrating

